



The Eighth in the East is a three-year Heritage Lottery Funded project which aims to promote and record the built and social legacy of the 8th United States Army Air Force during their time here in the East of England during the Second World War.

The story of the 8th US Army Air Force in the East of England is one of the most remarkable in military history.

Now, more than seventy years on, witnesses to this social and landscape revolution are sadly passing and with them a living connection to those years of turmoil that helped shape our world. Concentrating on people and places, and working with communities across the Eastern Counties, the Eighth in the East will explore this history to: support the work of volunteers who care for this heritage, encourage new blood into museums, develop resources for visitors and future generations, develop people's skills and bring communities together through this shared past. We hope you will join in and get involved.

Oral History: The recording of memories of the 8th US Army Air Force and their time in the East of England during WWII is a vital part of our work. It's personal eye-witness testimonies that tell us so much about the lives of local people and their relationships with US service personnel during wartime. It's now over seventy years since the first US planes touched down in the East of England. With the passing of time, many memories have been lost, and so it's even more important to record those recollections that can still be found in our local communities.

As well as running oral history training sessions throughout our region, we can also arrange a free special training session for your local organisation. This is an excellent opportunity for your group's members to gain valuable skills in all aspects of oral history, from coordinating interviews to transcribing recordings.

If you would like to speak to us about training, hire of our recording equipment, or if you have any other questions then please get in touch or check out our website.

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